Captain Walt Towns

United States Navy CHIEF OF STAFF, EXPEDITIONARY STRIKE GROUP THREE

Captain Walt Towns was born and raised in Chicago, IL. A 1983 Psychology graduate from Loyola University of Chicago, CDR Towns was commissioned an Ensign in June 1983 at Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI. After receiving his commission, he attended Surface Warfare Officer School.

Sea duty assignments include tours as Electronic Material Officer and Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer in USS PAUL (FF 1080), Fire Control Officer and Navigator in USS STERETT (CG 31) homeported at Subic Bay, Philippines, Combat Systems Officer USS MOINESTER (FF 1097), Assistant Operations Officer USS INCHON (LPH 12), Executive Officer USS CUSHING (DD 985), Operations Officer USS WASP (LHD 1), and Commanding Officer USS BOONE (FF 28). Captain Towns has completed deployments to the FIFTH, SIX AND SEVENTH Fleet area of operations.



Shore duty assignments include Division Officer at Recruit Training Command Orlando, FL and Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff of Combined Forces Command, Korea/United States Forces Korea/United Nation Command Korea in Seoul, South Korea. Recently completed a tour as the Branch Head for Current Ships and Fleet Maintenance on the CNO Staff of the Director, Surface Warfare N86. Currently, Captain Towns is assigned as the Chief of Staff of Expeditionary Strike Group Three in San Diego, CA.

A graduate of the Naval War College where he completed studies in National Security Affairs.

Captain Towns' awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, The Meritorious Service Medal (Two Awards), The Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Four Awards), The Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various other personal and unit awards.